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E.O. 11652, N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CURRENCY SCANDAL MEMBERS FOUND GUILTY

REF: PRETORIA: 4055

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF JULY 21 STATE THAT THE SALISBURY HIGH COURT HAS FOUND THREE MEN GUILTY OF TWO COUNTS INVOLVING THE EXCHANGE CONTROL ACT. THE MEN WERE REPORTEDLY FINE A TOTAL OF R275,000 (ONE RAND EQUALS DOLLARS 1.15). THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE PRISON SENTENCE. THE CASE WAS HEARD IN CAMERA. THE JUDGEMENT, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN THE UNUSUAL MANNER OF A STATEMENT BY THE CO-MINISTERS OF JUSTICE, HILARY SQUIRES AND FRANCIS ZINDOGA, SAID THAT "IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE PUBLIC  
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INTEREST" FOR THE NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED TO BE DISCLOSED. THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IN THE SWINDLE WAS REPORTED AT R310,000, ALL OF WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY RECOVERED.

2. COMMENT: THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH THE INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM INFORMED OBSERVERS (SEE REFTEL). WHATEVER

THE TRUTH, HOWEVER, IF THE RHODESIANS LET THE CASE REST  
HERE, THEY WILL HAVE DONE LITTLE TO ALLAY THE PUBLIC CONCERN  
OVER THIS CASE, WHICH HAS LIKELY FURTHER ERODED CONFIDENCE IN THE  
GOVERNMENT AT THIS CRITICAL POINT IT ITS EFFORTS TO EARN BOTH  
DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.  
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